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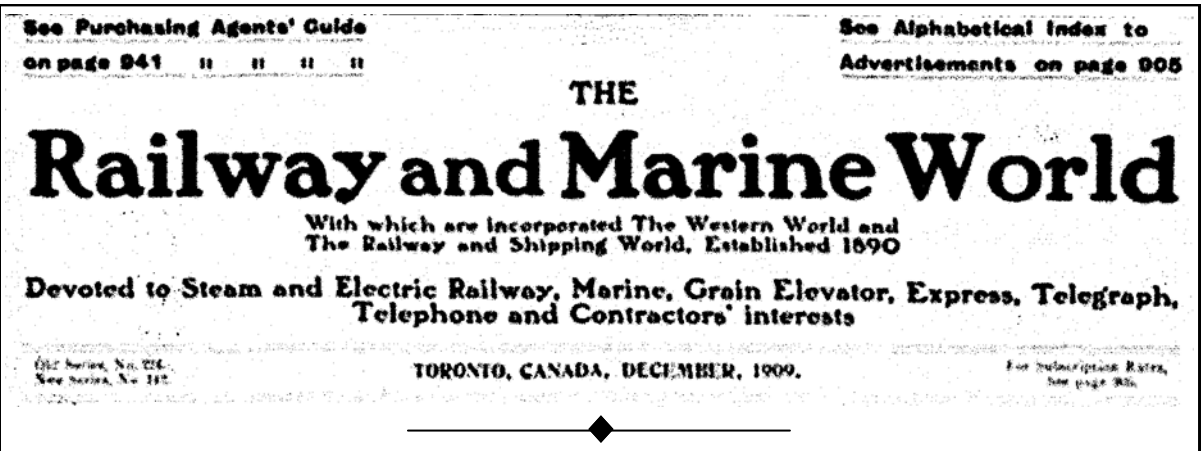
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TORONTO, CANADA, DECEMBER, 1909.

Irondale, Bancroft and Ottawa Ry. (pg 897)

The I. B. and O. Ry., which starts from the G.T.R. Haliburton branch, at Kinmount Junction, and runs generally northerly and westerly for 50 miles to Bird's Creek, near Bancroft, has been acquired by Mackenzie, Mann & Co., in connection with the Canadian Northern Ontario Ry. The I.B. & O.R. Co was incorporated in 1880 for the development of the northerly portions of Peterborough and Hastings counties. It was first operated to Irondale, nine miles form the junction with the G.T.R. in 1887, and by the construction of a few miles one year and a few miles again, Bird's Creek was reached in 1906. The gradients and curvature are considerable. The steepest gradient has a rise of 60 ft. to the mile, and the sharpest curve a radius of 1,000 ft. The track is laid with 56 lb. steel, and there are 2,640 ties to the mile. There are 250 miles of sidings. The company had power under its original charter to construct its line easterly across the G.T.R. to the Georgian Bay, and under the last amending act the Ontario Legislature granted a subsidy for the construction of the line easterly to Renfrew, a special condition being attached to the effect that the terminus of the line must be in Renfrew.

The line has never been a profitable one, although it has been of service in opening up a section of central Ontario and bringing it into connection with the G.T.R. The I. B. and O. Ry. Bonds were held principally in New York, although Z. A. Lask, General Counsel for Mackenzie, Mann & Co., was largely interested. The I.B. and O.R. has outstanding $53,500 of common stock and $450,000 of bonds. It received $144,000 as aid from the Dominion Government, and $135,000 from the Ontario Government, and there is still available $180,000 of subsidies granted by the Ontario Legislature, The operation of the line for the year ended June 30, 1908 showed a loss of $3,329.

The acquisition of this line gives Mackenzie, Mann & Co. a charter from the vicinity of Ottawa to the Georgian Bay in the vicinity of Tiff, Midland and Victoria Harbor, at which points the G.T.R. and the C.P.R. are developing ports for handling the grain traffic. The C.N.O.R. has power to construct a line from Udney into Orillia. L.B. Howland was President and General Manager of the I.B. & O.R. succeeding to that office some years ago on the death of his father-in-law, C. J. Pusey, the original promoter of the line. The offices of the company were at Irondale, Ont.

It is said that the line will be reconstructed and extended westerly to Georgian Bay and easterly to Renfrew and Ottawa. In this connection application has been made to the Dominion Parliament for an act to incorporate a company with the title of the Ontario and Ottawa Ry., with power to construct lines from the authorized line of the C.N.O. Ry. Near Lake Couchiching generally easterly

Railway and Marine World , continued from page 1

to the Snowdon tp., and from near Bird's Creek or Bancroft, in Hastings county, generally easterly to or near Renfrew, thence crossing the Ottawa River generally southeasterly to Hull, Que., or recrossing the Ottawa River to Ottawa. Power is also asked to fix the amount of securities to be issued with respect to such lines, to authorize the amalgamation with other companies, acquire capital stock of other companies with which it may be authorized to amalgamate, and to consolidate the securities issued by other companies, with all the other usual & customary powers. G. F. Macdonnell, Toronto, one of the Canadian Northern Ry.'s Assistant Solicitors, is solicitor for the applicants. The points mentions in the application are those necessary to connect up the I. B. and O. Ry, with the C.N.O Ry. Near Orillia, on the west, and the connecting link from Bird's Creek to Ottawa on the east. The I. B. and O. Ry, only had an Ontario charter. The concluding sentence of the application is in almost identical words with the C.N.O. Ry. Application for power to amalgamate with other companies.

Stations Along The Irondale, Bancroft & Ottawa

IB&O Mileage	CNR Mileage	Station	Notes
0.0	50.9	Myles/Kendricks /Howland Jct	Junction with Victoria Railway. Turntable
3.0		Conways (f)	
4.9	46.0	Furnance Falls	
9.2	41.7	Irondale	
11.3		Maxwells (f)	
16.9	34.0	Gooderham	
24.6	26.3	Tory Hill	
27.5		Ward (f)	
30.1	20.8	Wilberforce	
33.5		Ironsides	
34.9	16.0	Harcourt/ Mumford	
38.9	12.0	Highland Grove	
45.0	5.9	Baptiste	Shops and Turntable
46.5	4.4	Hughes (f)	
50.9	0.0	York River	Junction with Central Ontario Railway

(f) = Flagstop

Timothy 'Tim' O'Keefe
brother of Kathleen Mansfield
~ May 4, 2020 ~

William 'Bill' Witham
Long time Salerno Lake cottager
~ May 19, 2020 ~

Our condolences to the families and friends of those we lost.

BRENDA'S RECIPE CORNER

This **Minestrone Soup** was served at the Italian Night Dinner Feb 9, 2019.

1/2 lb ground beef
1 carrot diced
1 small zucchini diced
1 potato peeled and diced
6 cups water or chicken stock
1 tsp dried oregano
1 can (540ml) drained white kidney beans
1/3 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese
dash hot pepper sauce
1 large onion diced
1 stalk celery diced
1 can (398ml) tomatoes (undrained) chopped
3 cloves garlic diced
3/4 cup baby shell pasta
1 tsp dried basil
1/2 cup finely chopped parsley
salt and pepper

In a large saucepan, cook meat over medium heat until browned, breaking it up with a fork. Drain off the fat. Add onions, cook, for 3 minutes.
Add carrot, celery, zucchini, tomatoes, potato and garlic. Cook, stirring for 3 minutes. Add the water/stock. Bring to a boil. Add pasta, oregano and basil. Cook for 10-12 minutes until pasta is tender but firm and vegetables are cooked. Add kidney beans, parsley, Parmesan cheese and hot pepper sauce. Heat through. Season with salt and pepper to taste.
Makes 8 servings.

Need Help Planting Your Garden?

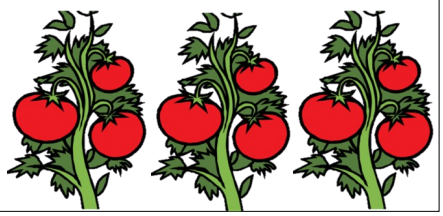
An old Italian lived alone in New Jersey. He wanted to plant his annual tomato garden, but it was very difficult work as the ground was hard. His only son, Vincent, who used to help him, was in prison.

The old man wrote a letter to his son and described his predicament: *"Dear Vincent, I am feeling pretty sad, because it looks like I won't be able to plant my tomato garden this year. I'm just getting too old to be digging up a garden plot. I know if you were here my troubles would be over. I know you would be happy to dig the plot for me, like in the old days. Love Papa"*

A few days later he received a letter from his son: *"Dear Pop, Don't dig up that garden. That's where the bodies are buried. Love Vinnie".* At 4 am the next morning , FBI agents and local police arrived and dug up the entire area without finding any bodies. They apologized to the old man and left.

The next day, the old man received another letter from his son: *"Dear Pop, Go ahead and plant the tomatoes now. That's the best I could do under the circumstances. Love Vinnie."*

Cute story—tho' I wouldn't suggest trying this out.
Your tomatoes may cost you more than a postage stamp.

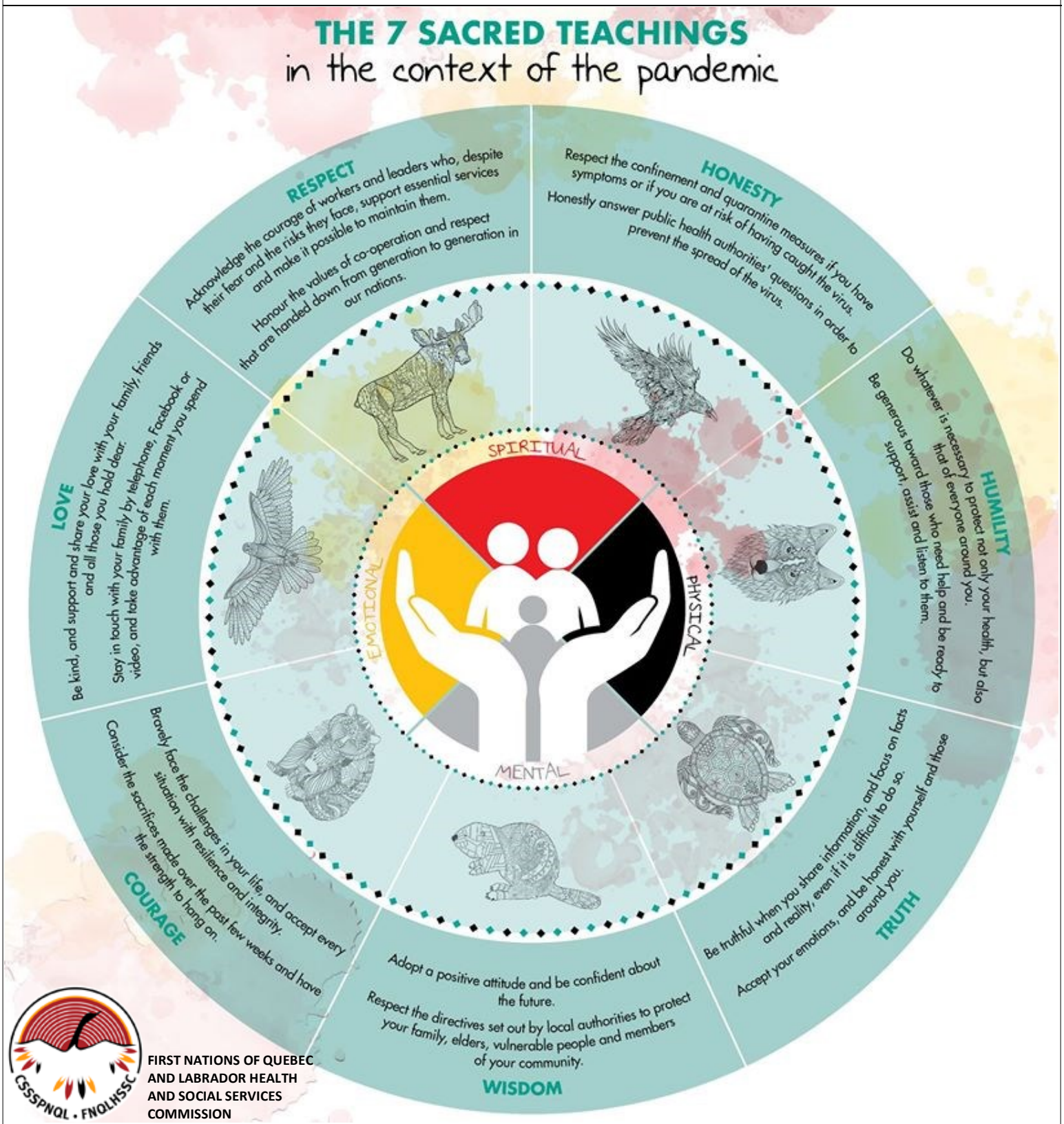


Things are opening up - slowly returning to 'normal'.

Please remember we are not out of the woods yet. Continue to be diligent in your social distancing, hand washing etc.

Please realize that this pandemic affects people in many different ways. Be polite, use kind words and not threatening tone of voice. Help your neighbours when you can.

I was passed the image below and found it very thought provoking and obtained permission to pass it on to you. Enjoy.


THE 7 SACRED TEACHINGS
in the context of the pandemic
RESPECT
Acknowledge the courage of workers and leaders who, despite their fear and the risks they face, support essential services and make it possible to maintain them.
Honour the values of co-operation and respect that are handed down from generation to generation in our nations.
HONESTY
Respect the confinement and quarantine measures if you have symptoms or if you are at risk of having caught the virus.
Honestly answer public health authorities' questions in order to prevent the spread of the virus.
HUMILITY
Do whatever is necessary to protect not only your health, but also that of everyone around you.
Be generous toward those who need help and be ready to support, assist and listen to them.
TRUTH
Be truthful when you share information, and focus on facts and reality, even if it is difficult to do so.
Accept your emotions, and be honest with yourself and those around you.
WISDOM
Adopt a positive attitude and be confident about the future.
Respect the directives set out by local authorities to protect your family, elders, vulnerable people and members of your community.
COURAGE
Bravely face the challenges in your life, and accept every situation with resilience and integrity.
Consider the sacrifices made over the past few weeks and have the strength to hang on.
LOVE
Be kind, and support and share your love with your family, friends and all those you hold dear.
Stay in touch with your family by telephone, Facebook or video, and take advantage of each moment you spend with them.
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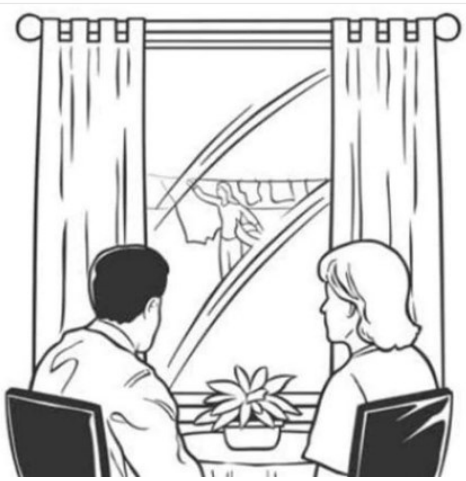

A young couple moved into a new neighborhood. The next morning while they were eating breakfast, the young woman saw her neighbor hanging the washing outside.

"That laundry is not very clean; she doesn't know how to wash correctly. Perhaps she needs better laundry soap." Her husband looked on, remaining silent. Every time her neighbor hung her washing out to dry, the young woman made the same comments.

A month later, the woman was surprised to see a nice clean wash on the line and said to her husband, "Look, she's finally learned how to wash correctly. I wonder who taught her this?" The husband replied, "I got up early this morning and cleaned our windows."

And so it is with life… What we see when watching others depends on the clarity of the window through which we look. So don't be too quick to judge others, especially if your perspective of life is clouded by anger, jealousy, negativity or unfulfilled desires.

"Judging a person does not define who they are. It defines who you are."

— Jonathan Kestenbaum

A Synopsis — History of the Irondale Community Centre

In 1974 Joe Fecht had decided to sell his farm in Irondale. Prior to selling he approached Max Hancock about donating a section of his farm property to the Glamorgan township, thereby providing Irondale with a baseball field and outdoor park. The land was to be used as a recreational park for the Irondale residents.

The Glamorgan Council at that time decided that they did not need or want the responsibility of another park. An agreement was made - Snowdon township would purchase the land for $1.00. The Irondale Ball Field and Community Centre is situated in Highlands East but is owned by Minden Hills.

The Irondale Community Centre Committee came into existence through a group of people expressing a need to have a meeting place, where community members could come together for social events and special occasions.

In 1999, an opportunity to obtain a school portable became available. Snowdon Township purchased a portable from the Haliburton School Board. It was moved to the ball field on the Old Irondale Road. The building was inspected by officials to be sure it was a 'healthy' building.

Since then the community has been fundraising and working together to make it all happen.

Through generous donations by community members and friends of Irondale, a basement, septic system, well and a small addition that houses a kitchen and two washrooms has been added to the original school portable.

The inside of the centre has been finished with beautiful pine. The small kitchen is drywall and painted, has three sinks for clean up, four burner stove & oven and two frigs supplying sufficient refrigeration.

New windows were donated by the Kinmount Lions Club, which was very much appreciated. A group of volunteers installed them. They not only look great but save money on the heating bill. The summer heat is kept at bay using the blinds generously donated and installed by an anonymous donor.

Efforts are now being focused on the basement. An exterior entrance and stairs have been built. When the basement walls have been drywalled, the area will be used for darts, shuffleboard, etc.

If you wish to rent the Irondale Community Centre -
call Barry Simmons 705-447-2380 or Lorne Buckingham 705-447-3352

Keep Your Eyes

on those events on the back cover.
During this very strange year - many of our events have had to be cancelled.
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Irondale Family History Feature

Frederick Gilmore Griffin, 30 years a top-ranking newspaper writer was overseas for five years, covering nearly every phase of Canada's fighting forces in the second world war.
Frederick, was the first born of six children born to John Gilmore Griffin and Eleanor Sarah Pelan.

John Gilmore Griffin
born 23 Oct 1858
in Corrinary, Co. Monaghan, Ireland
died 16 July 1912 in Co. Monaghan, Ireland
Occupation: Commercial Traveller
Father: Philip George Griffin
Mother: Margaret Gilmore

Eleanor Sarah Pelan
born Dec 1863
in Lurgen, Co Armagh, Ireland
died 16 Feb 1955 in Toronto, ON

Father: John Pelan
Mother: Eleanor Hazelton

Married 16 April 1888 in Londonderry, Ireland

**note from son Fredrick Griffin - his father may have been born at Liscalgot, near Crossmaglen: grandmother had come home to Liscalgot to bear the twins, father and Uncle Richard, walking miles of country road to reach there is an exhausted state*.*

Griffin Family

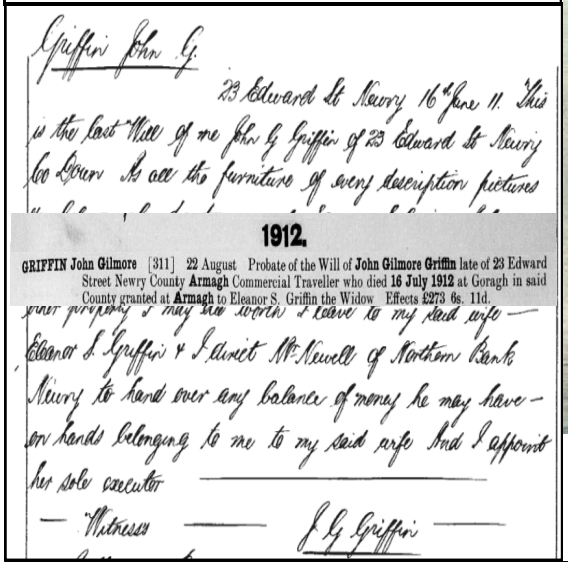
L to R - John 'Jack' Pelan, Sydney Herbert, father John Gilmore, Frederick Gilmore, Gerald Walter, mother Eleanor S. (Pelan), Victor Ernest and Philip 'Pat'

John Gilmore Griffin and Eleanor Sarah Pelan had the following children, all born in Ireland:

1) Frederick Gilmore, born 5 Mar 1889, married Luella Flood, had 1 Daughter, 3 grandchildren; died Jan 1945, of a heart attack
2) John 'Jack" Pelan, born 1891, married Ethel Govier 1927 died 1970; had two children, 7 grandchildren
3) Philip 'Pat' George, born 1893, married Olive Lomas 1915, had 3 sons, 5 grandchildren , remarried Florence Atkinson 1936, had one son, 1 grandchild; died 17 Nov 1945
4) Sydney Herbert, born 1895, married S.H., had 3 sons 2 daughters, 13 grandchildren; died 15 Apr 1941
5) Victor Ernest, born 1897, died 15 Sept 1916, mine explosion at Courcelette, France WWI
6) Gerald Walter, born 1900, married Marguerite Davidson, 2 children, 2 grandchildren; died 1976

* of the six boys - Gerald, Philip, Sydney and Victor - soldiered in the War and Frederick covered the fighting as an overseas journalist.

John Gilmore Griffin's will, signed by him on 16 June 1911—leaving all to his wife.



Griffin John G.

23 Edward St Newry 16th June 11. This is the last Will of me John G. Griffin of 23 Edward St Newry Gro Grocer As ace the furniture of every description pictures

1912.

GRIFFIN John Gilmore [311] 22 August Probate of the Will of John Gilmore Griffin late of 23 Edward Street Newry County Armagh Commercial Traveller who died 16 July 1912 at Gorragh in said County granted at Armagh to Eleanor S. Griffin the Widow Effects £273 6s. 11d.

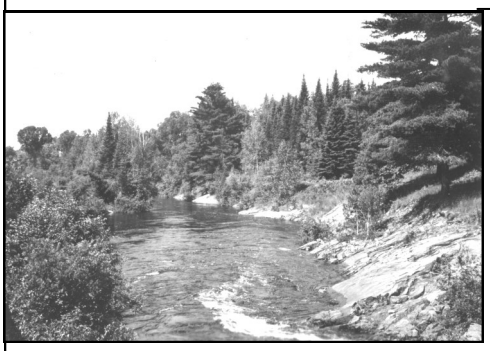
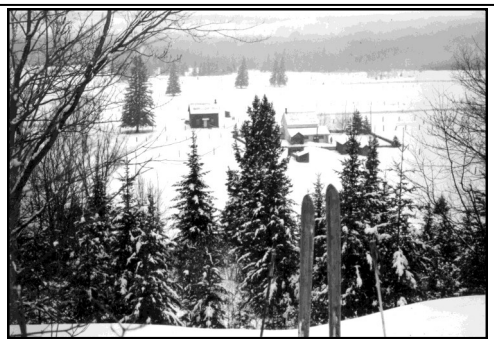
inner property I may die worth I leave to my said wife — Eleanor S. Griffin & Samuel McNeill of Northern Bank Newry to hand over any balance of money he may have on hands belonging to me to my said wife And I appoint her sole executor

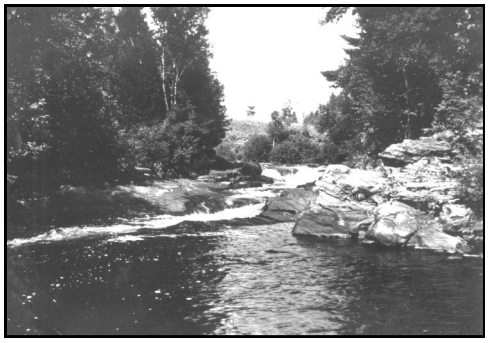
— Witness — J. G. Griffin —

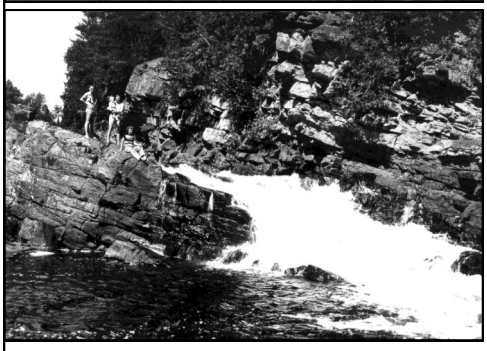
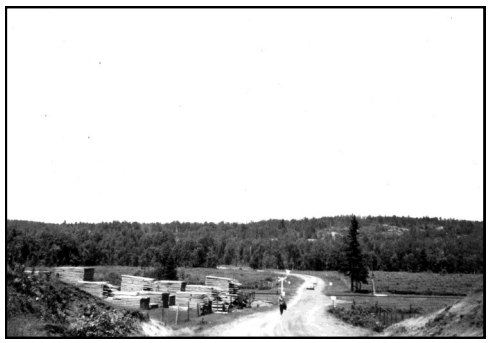
S. S. Scandanavian Ship Passenger List arriving Montreal, Quebec on 29 Sept 1912 shows Griffin, Mrs. E.S., widowed; and sons George, 19, single, clerk; Victor, 15, single, school student; and Gerald, 11, single, school student

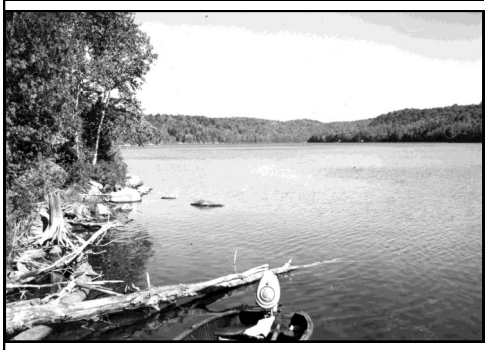
The other boys came over from Ireland before Mom did - Frederick came a few months before; John came the year before and I haven't found Sydney on a passenger list as yet.

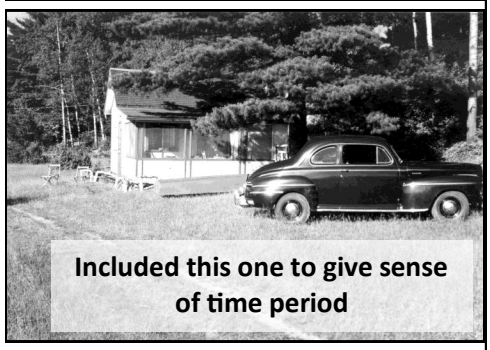
Research used for the article—Ancestry.ca, FamilySearch.org, Newspapers.com and permission received from Sharon Brown at www.thesilverbowl.com and permission for use of photos from Christine Wright.

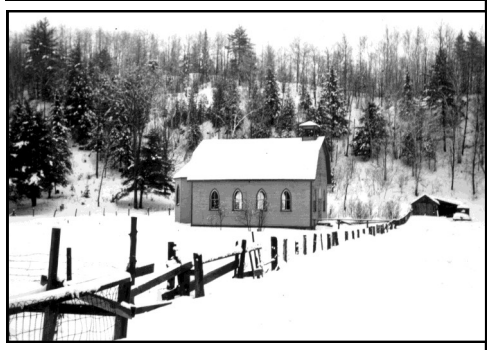











Let us thank Gary Russell, of Hamilton (cottage on Salerno Lake) for sharing these photos with me a few years ago. I was rather remiss in sharing them before now. My email reminded me I had these — and many more that I will share in future issues. I chose landscape ones for this round.

Your editor was not raised in Irondale, I married an Irondale lad—and found these pictures fascinating. Fred had to explain where a few of them were taken. The area doesn't look like that any more. I am sure there are some of our readers that are 'newer' to Irondale area as well that would maybe not recognize some of these locations, but will enjoy them all the same.

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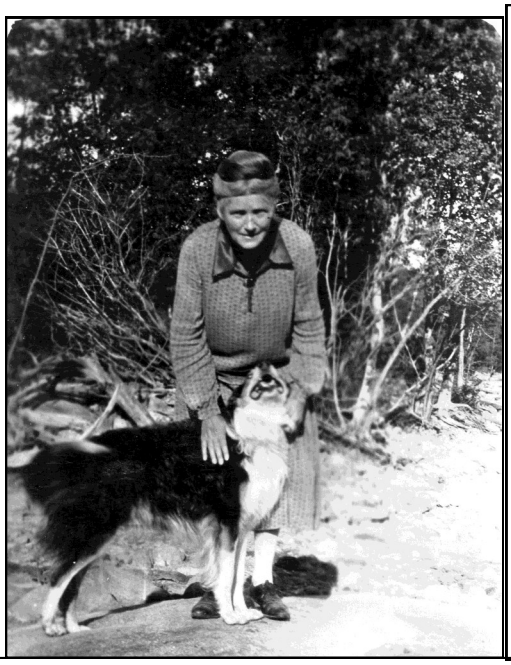
Do You Know Who This Lady Is?

We were passed this picture recently. All we know is she lived in Irondale in the mid 1920s.

She boarded the school teacher, not sure if she ran a boarding house or the teacher was her only boarder.



Cancelled

5th Annual Minden Lions Club

Sunday, July 5th - Blairhampton Golf Club

$175 pp - 4 Person Team Best Ball Tournament
includes Lunch, Golf, Prizes, Dinner
More info or to register your team
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~ Irondale Calendar of Events ~

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2020	Unless otherwise noted - Tickets available online at www.IrondaleOntario.ca or call/text 705-457-8438
Sat. April 11	**Wilberforce Maplefest** Event All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast and lots of shopping with the ~~[illegible]~~ vendor tables. ~~9 am to 2 pm Wilberforce Community Centre in the heart of Wilberforce.~~
Sat. April 18 Cancelled	**Fish 'N Fowl Dinner** ~~h~~ Please continue to monitor our Facebook page to see if other events run as scheduled ~~6pm.~~ Fish, turkey, potatoes, vegetables, salad & dessert. Loonie auction action after dessert. $20 pp *B.L.C.D. event with proceeds supporting Irondale's history.*
Sun. June 7	~~**First Church Service -** visiting Minister expected. 10 am. Come as you are.~~ **Book Nook** - in the cupboard next to the church garden — no charge, help yourself … **ENJOY books, puzzles, videos — Social Distancing Friendly — outdoor location**
Sat. July 11	**Concert on the Lake** - Great music from the comfort of your own boat, canoe or paddleboard. Music starts at 6:30pm Check *www.sdlca.ca* for more details.
Sat. July 18 Cancelled	**Wild Game Dinner** - Popular dinner, held at the Gooderham Community Centre. Doors open 5pm, ~~[illegible]~~ffet at 6pm. All game served as bite size pieces, you can sample it all. Remember bring loonies for after dinner fun. *B.L.C.D. event with proceeds supporting Irondale's history.*
Sat. Aug 1 **Sun. Aug 2**	Salerno Devil's Lake Cottage Association's AGM 10 am at the Irondale Community Centre Salerno Devil's Lake Cottage Association's Canoe Race, BBQ and Children's Games check www.sdlca.ca for more details.
Aug 14,15,16 Cancelled	**Irondale Inspirations -** the artists that call Irondale home will be showcasing their work at the ~~[illegible]~~ical Irondale church. 10 am to 4pm. Please drop by, enjoy their talents. You may just catch one or more of them creating on site.
Sat. Sept 19	**Family Harvest Festival** - 11 to 4pm - Vendors, BBQ, displays, tours—all on the property of Irondale's historical church building. NO ADMISSION CHARGED. *B.L.C.D. event*
Sat Nov 7	**Themed Dinner** held at the Irondale Community Centre. Dinner served from 5 pm til 7pm as long as supplies last. $20 pp Menu still being planned. *You certainly shouldn't go away hungry! B.L.C.D. event with proceeds supporting Irondale's history.*
2021	Working on our event calendar for the upcoming year.

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